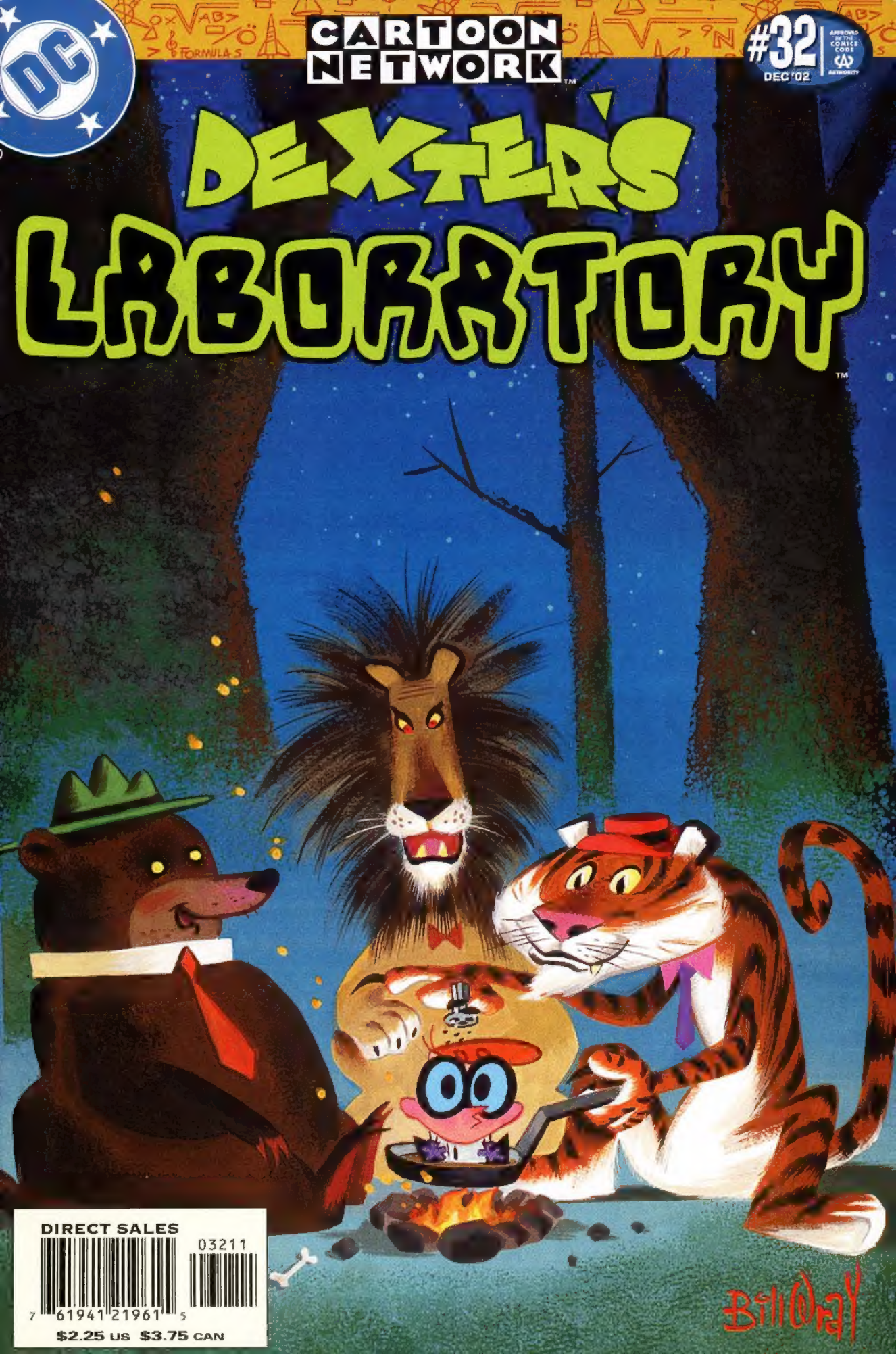
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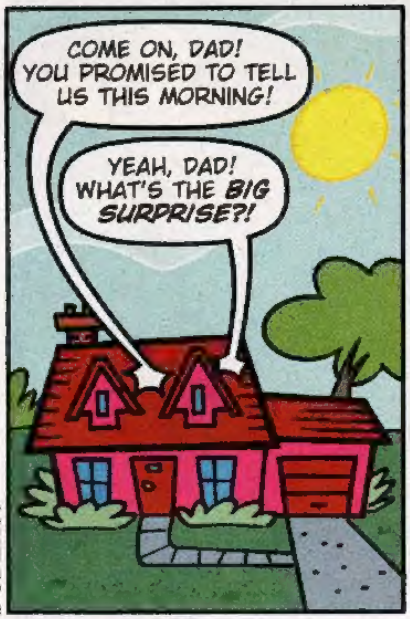
COME ON, DAD! YOU PROMISED TO TELL US THIS MORNING!
YEAH, DAD! WHAT'S THE BIG SURPRISE?!

ALL RIGHT, HONEY, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME TO TELL THEM?
WELL...
YES? YES?

THIS WEEKEND...
WE'RE GOING CAMPING!

THAT IS THE BIG SURPRISE?! YOU MADE US WAIT A WHOLE WEEK FOR THAT?

DEXTER, CAMPING IS ONE OF THE GREAT JOYS OF LIFE. IT'S A CHANCE TO RECONNECT WITH NATURE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER DEXTER, ARE YA SCAAAAAAAARED?

I'M NOT SCARED, DEE-DEE!
THERE'S LOTS OF CREEPY CRAWLIES AND FEROCIOUS BEASTS OUT THERE!

THERE'S LIONS, AND TIGERS, AND BEARS...
OH MY, DEE-DEE! EVERYONE KNOWS THERE ARE NO LIONS OR TIGERS IN THE WOODS!

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DEE-DEE, HEEEEEEEEELP!

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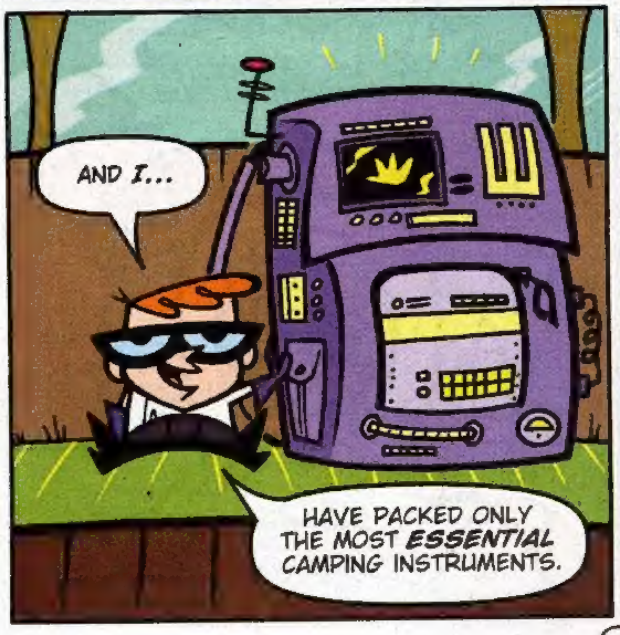
MY HIGHLY FORMED INTELLECT WILL HELP ME INVENT THE *PERFECT CAMPING PACK!*
DRIP

AS THE SCOUTS SAY...
FFZZZZ

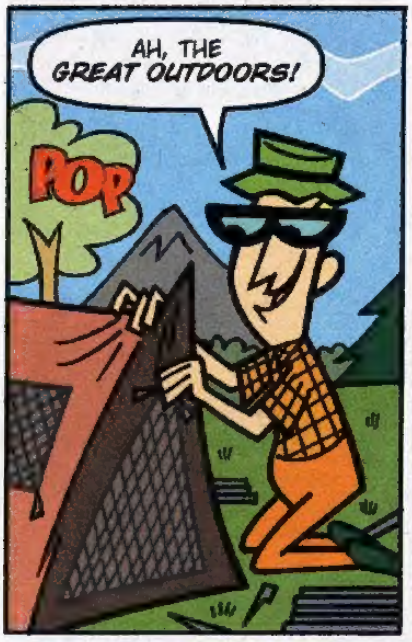
"BE OVERPREPARED!"

WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH US, MOM?
OH, THOSE WOODS ARE SO *DIRTY*, JUST THE THOUGHT OF GOING MAKES ME WANT TO SCRUB THE TOILETS! BUT YOU HAVE *FUN*, DEARS!

DO YOU HAVE EVERYTHING, HONEY?
ALL THE BEANS WE COULD POSSIBLY NEED--AND *THEN* SOME!
BEANS


AND *I*...
HAVE PACKED ONLY THE MOST *ESSENTIAL* CAMPING INSTRUMENTS.

IS YOUR *TEDDY BEAR* "ESSENTIAL"?
NO! DAD, SHE'S *BOTHERING ME!*
NOW KIDS, IF I HAVE TO TURN AROUND...


AH, THE GREAT OUTDOORS!
POP

YEAH, I FEEL CLOSER TO NATURE ALREADY!
POP

AND NATURE IS NOT SMELLING TOO GOOD!
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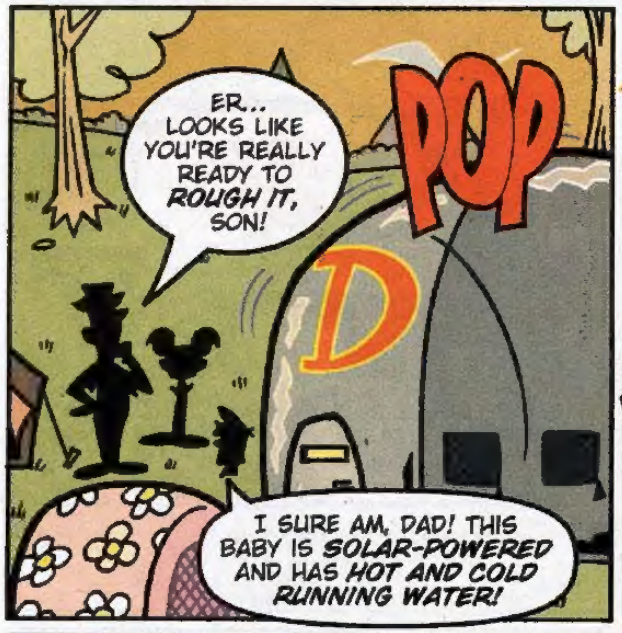
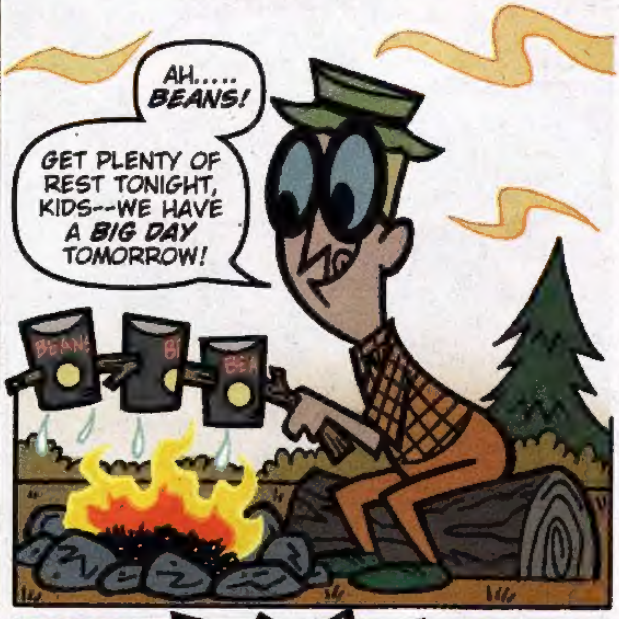
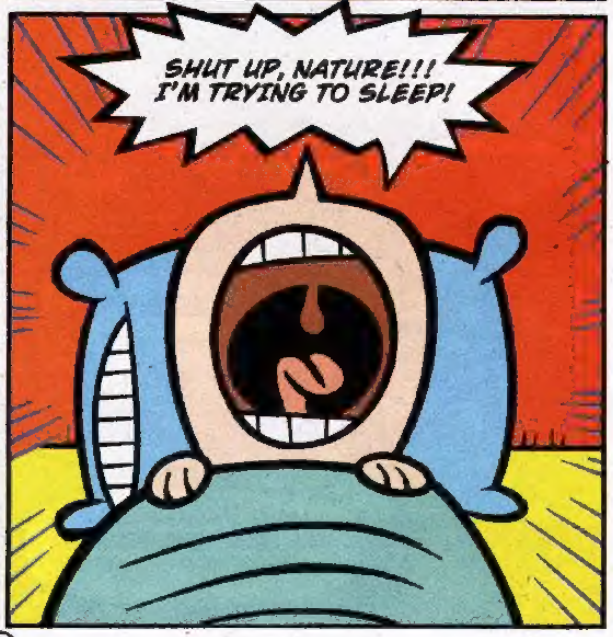

ER... LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY READY TO ROUGH IT, SON!
POP
I SURE AM, DAD! THIS BABY IS SOLAR-POWERED AND HAS HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER!


AH..... BEANS!
GET PLENTY OF REST TONIGHT, KIDS--WE HAVE A BIG DAY TOMORROW!

CRRIIIKKK-CHHHEEEE-CHHHEEE
HOOO


SHUT UP, NATURE!!! I'M TRYING TO SLEEP!

THE NEXT DAY...
I NEVER KNEW YOU COULD EAT BEANS FOR BREAKFAST, DAD!
DEXTER, BEANS ARE GOOD ANY TIME OF THE...

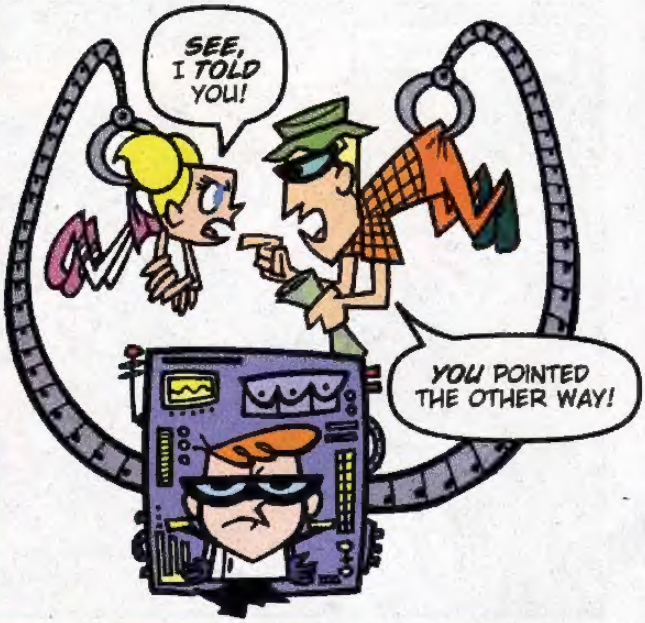
...DAAAAAAAY!
SPLASH

THIS INSECT IS VIOLATING MY COPYRIGHTED HYDRAULIC PINCER SYSTEM!
HEY DAD! EVEN UPSIDE-DOWN, YOU'RE WET!

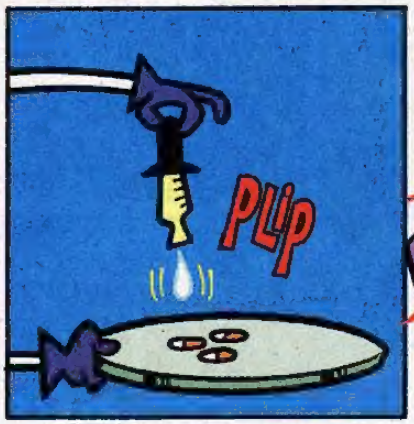
HMMM...I THINK IT'S TIME WE HEADED BACK TO CAMP. WE DON'T WANT TO GET STUCK OUT HERE IN THE DARK.
THUD

I'M HUNGRY!
IT CAN'T BE FAR NOW. LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST PAST THE BIG TREE OVER THERE.
SPRONG
SPRONG

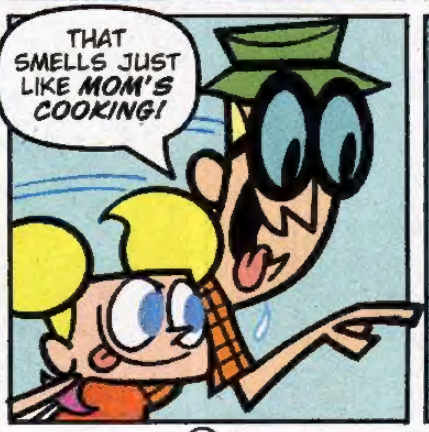
WE ALREADY PASSED THIS TREE!
UM, EXCUSE ME?
NONSENSE, DEE-DEE! THAT'S A TOTALLY DIFFERENT TREE!
HELLO?


SEE, I TOLD YOU!
YOU POINTED THE OTHER WAY!

OH, NO! WHO SPILLED THE BEANS?!
NOW WHAT ARE WE GONNA EAT?
DO NOT DESPAIR...


PLIP

FOOOP

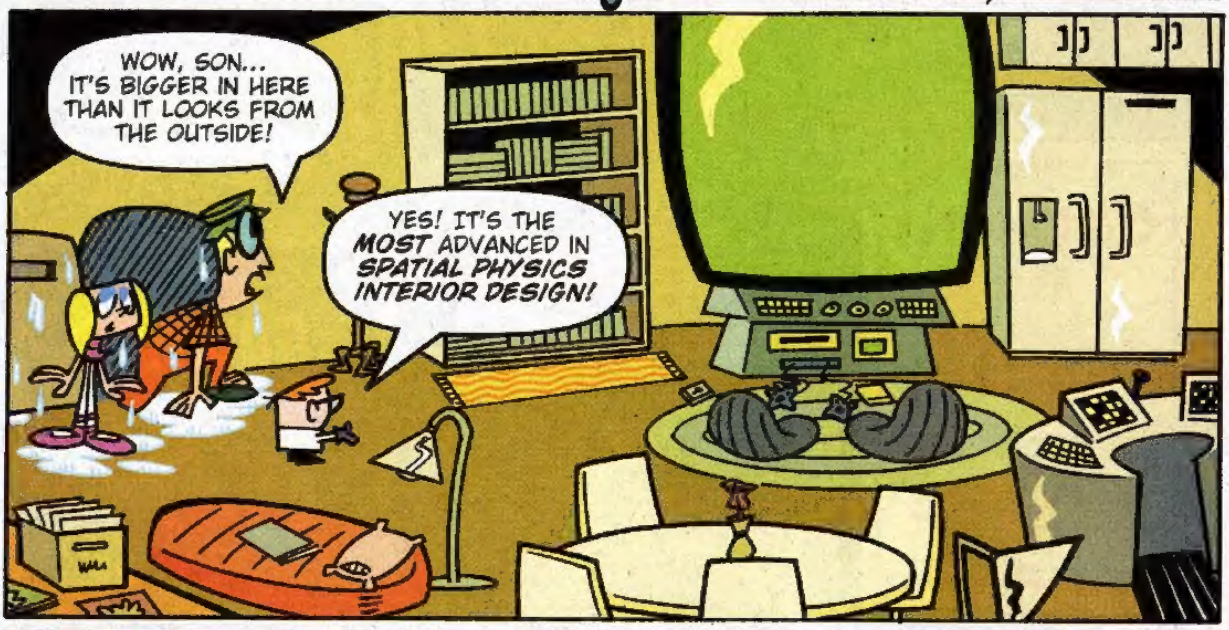

THAT SMELLS JUST LIKE MOM'S COOKING!

IT IS! I USED MY SHRINK'N'DRY BEAM ON A MEAL SHE MADE FOR US!

KA-BOOOMMMM
IT DOESN'T TAKE A GENIUS TO KNOW THAT.
UH -OH! LOOKS LIKE RAIN.

MY TENT'S LEAKING!
SO IS MINE. WE'D BETTER WAIT THIS OUT IN DEXTER'S TENT!

BUT DAD, I DON'T WANT DEE-DEE IN MY TENT!
NOW, DEXTER... WHAT HAVE I TOLD YOU ABOUT SHARING?


WOW, SON... IT'S BIGGER IN HERE THAN IT LOOKS FROM THE OUTSIDE!
YES! IT'S THE MOST ADVANCED IN SPATIAL PHYSICS INTERIOR DESIGN!

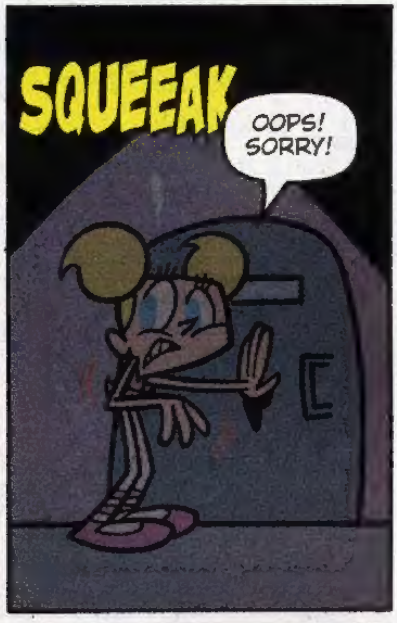
SO, WHO WOULD LIKE TO PLAY GAMES? I HAVE PARCHOOSI, RISKY, MUNNYPOLY, SPLIT-THE-ATOM, CLONES AND LADDERS...
ZZZZZZZZZZZZ

DEXTER? I HAVE TO GO.
GOODBYE, AND GOOD RIDDANCE.

NO. I HAVE TO GO. WHERE'S THE BATHROOM?
OUT BACK! JUST MAKE SURE YOU SHUT THE TENT DOOR!

SQUEEAK
OOPS! SORRY!

YOU DIDN'T CLOSE THE DOOR, DEE-DEE!
GRRR...
DON'T GROWL AT YOUR BROTHER, YOUNG LADY!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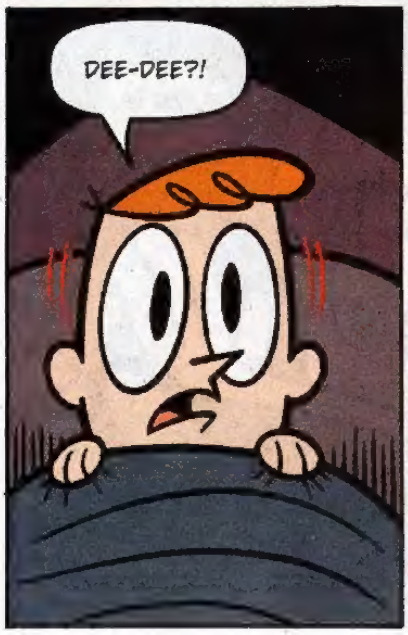
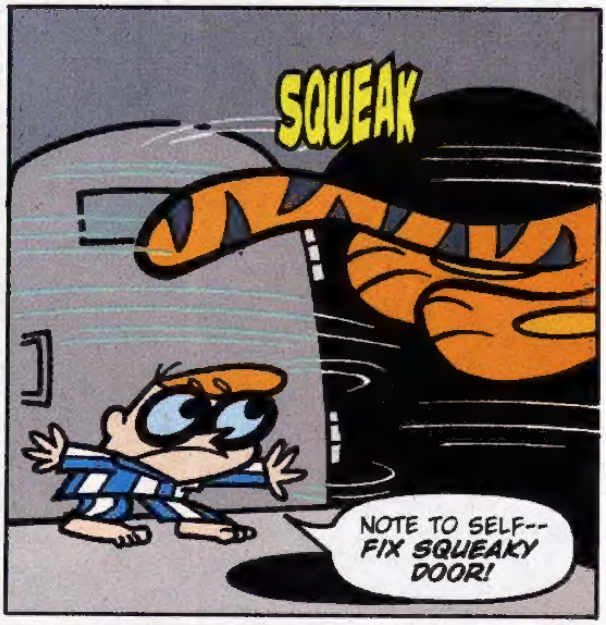

DEE-DEE?!

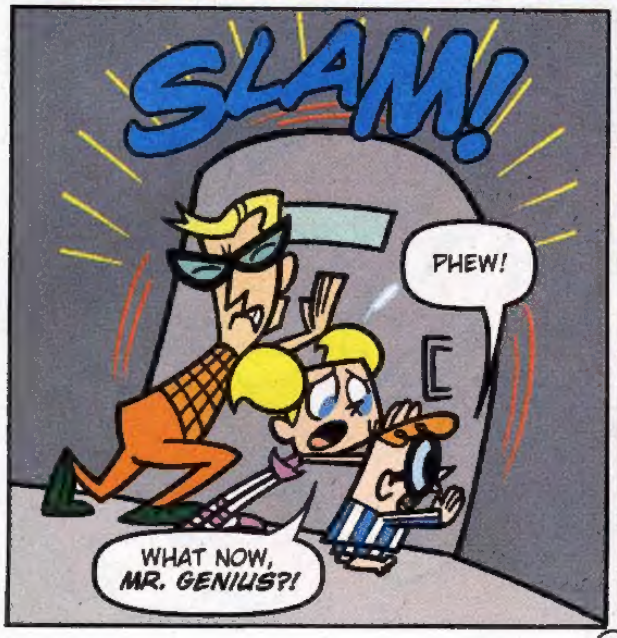
I SAID I WAS SORRY!

SOMEBODY FORGOT TO BRUSH THEIR TEETH!

ROARRR
AAAAAAHHHH!!!

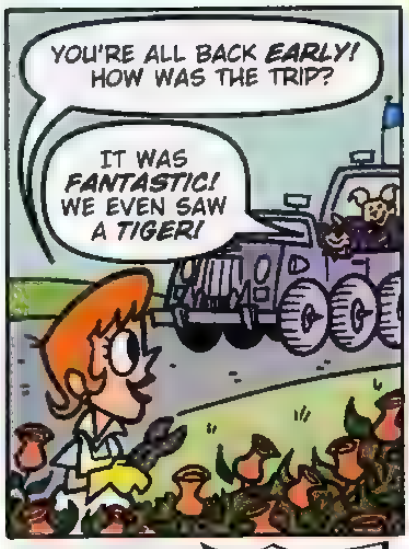
MOVE IT, DEE-DEE!

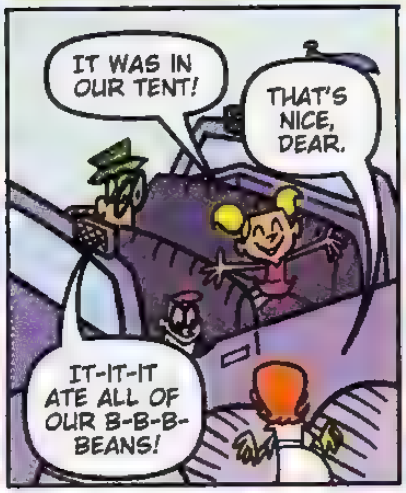

SQUEAK
NOTE TO SELF-- FIX SQUEAKY DOOR!

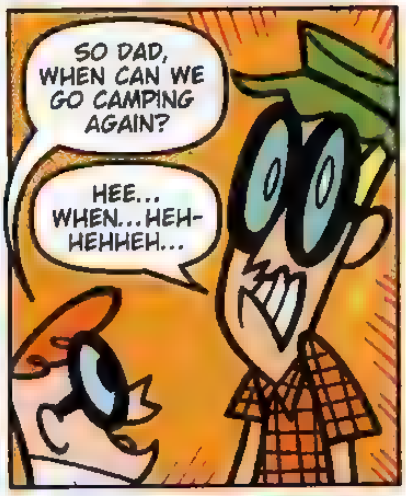

SLAM!
PHEW!
WHAT NOW, MR. GENIUS?!

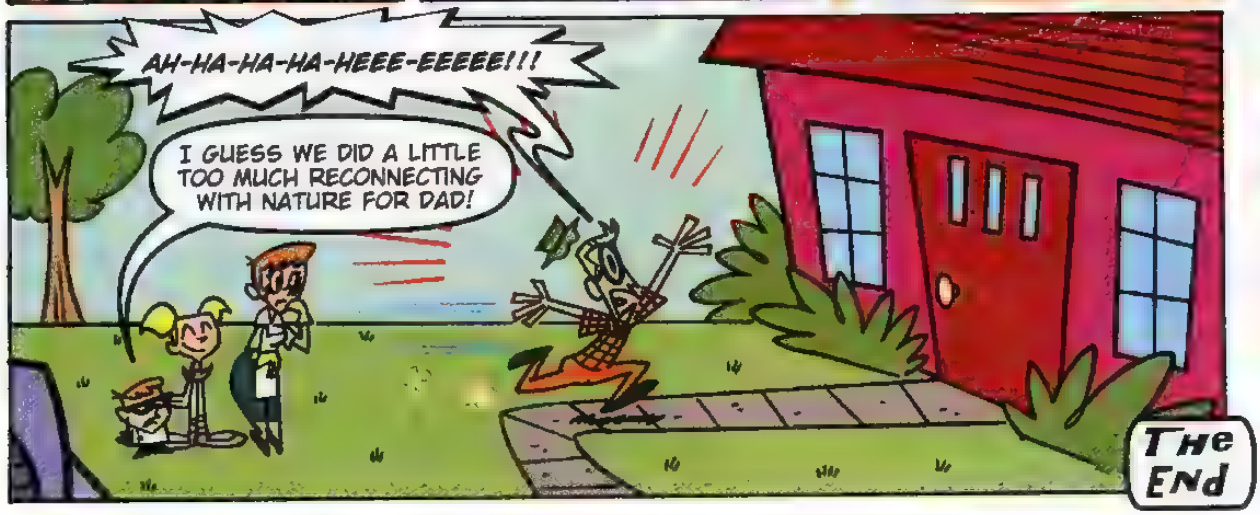
THIS IS WHAT.
BLING
SO?

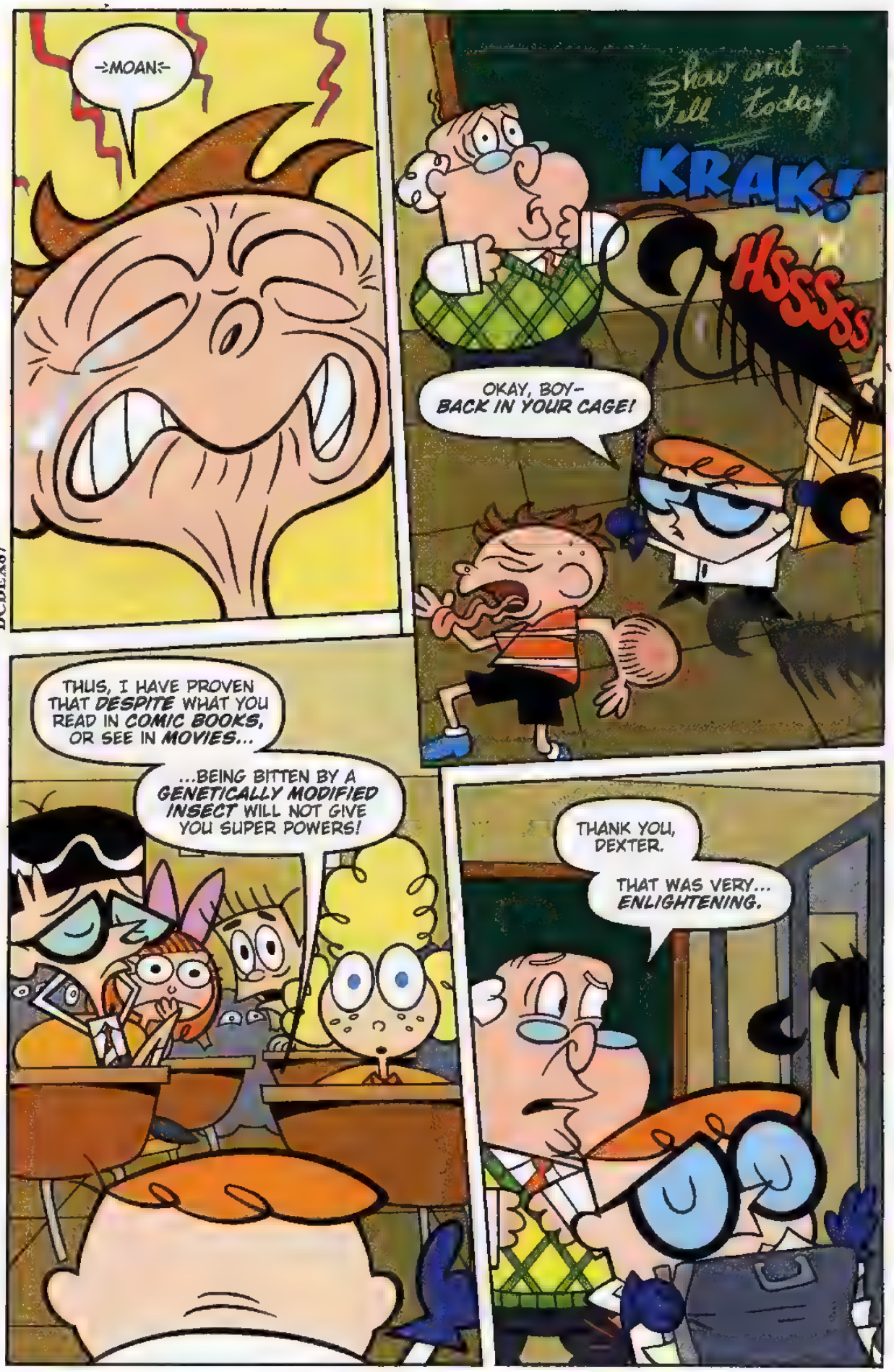
I HAVE PREPARED FOR EVERY STATISTICAL PROBABILITY--EVEN A TIGER. VOILA!
VRRROOOM
UH... W-W-WATCH TH-TH-THE ROAD, SON!
WHEEEE! BYE, KITTY!


YOU'RE ALL BACK EARLY! HOW WAS THE TRIP?
IT WAS FANTASTIC! WE EVEN SAW A TIGER!


IT WAS IN OUR TENT!
THAT'S NICE, DEAR.
IT-IT-IT ATE ALL OF OUR B-B-B-BEANS!


SO DAD, WHEN CAN WE GO CAMPING AGAIN?
HEE... WHEN...HEH-HEHHEH...


AH-HA-HA-HA-HEEE-EEEEE!!!
I GUESS WE DID A LITTLE TOO MUCH RECONNECTING WITH NATURE FOR DAD!
THE END


-:MOAN:-
Show and Tell today
KRAK!
HSSSSS
OKAY, BOY- BACK IN YOUR CAGE!
THUS, I HAVE PROVEN THAT DESPITE WHAT YOU READ IN COMIC BOOKS, OR SEE IN MOVIES...
...BEING BITTEN BY A GENETICALLY MODIFIED INSECT WILL NOT GIVE YOU SUPER POWERS!
THANK YOU, DEXTER.
THAT WAS VERY... ENLIGHTENING.

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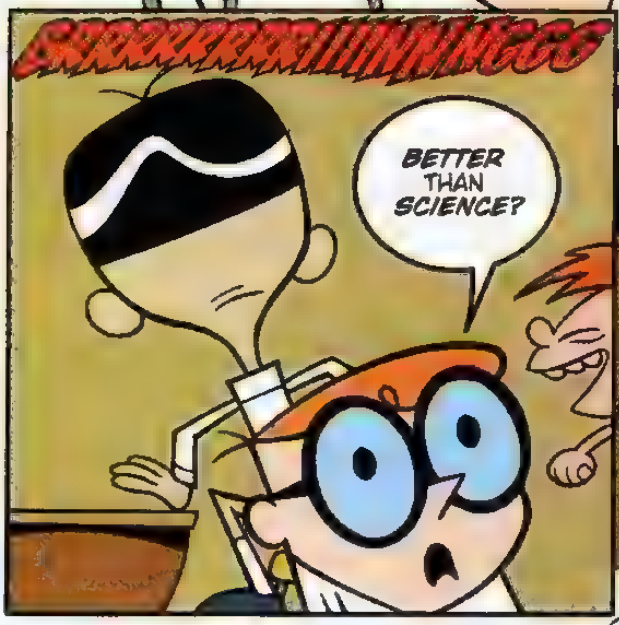
-YAWN-
WHAT'S THE MATTER, MANDARK?
ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME THAT MY DEMONSTRATION WAS NOT SUITABLY ADVANCED FOR YOU?

WAS YOUR "SCIENTIFIC GENIUS" NOT ENGAGED, OH, GREAT MANDARK?
WAS MY DEMONSTRATION TOO SHOWY AND PANDERING TO THE COMMON PEOPLE FOR YOU?

NAH, I HAVE TURNED MY BACK UPON SCIENCE.
SCIENCE IS FOR GEEKS, DEXTER. I HAVE DISCOVERED SOMETHING FAR SUPERIOR.


SKRRRRRRRRIIIIIIIINGGG
BETTER THAN SCIENCE?

FAREWELL, DEXTER. HAVE FUN WITH YOUR TEST TUBES...
BETTER THAN SCIENCE?

...I HAVE TO GET TO THE GYM TO PERFECT MY HOOK SHOT.
BETTER THAN SCIENCE?
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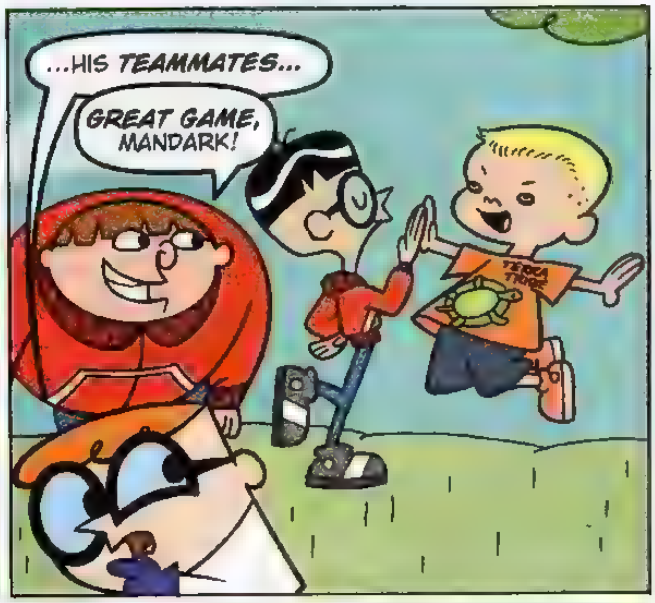
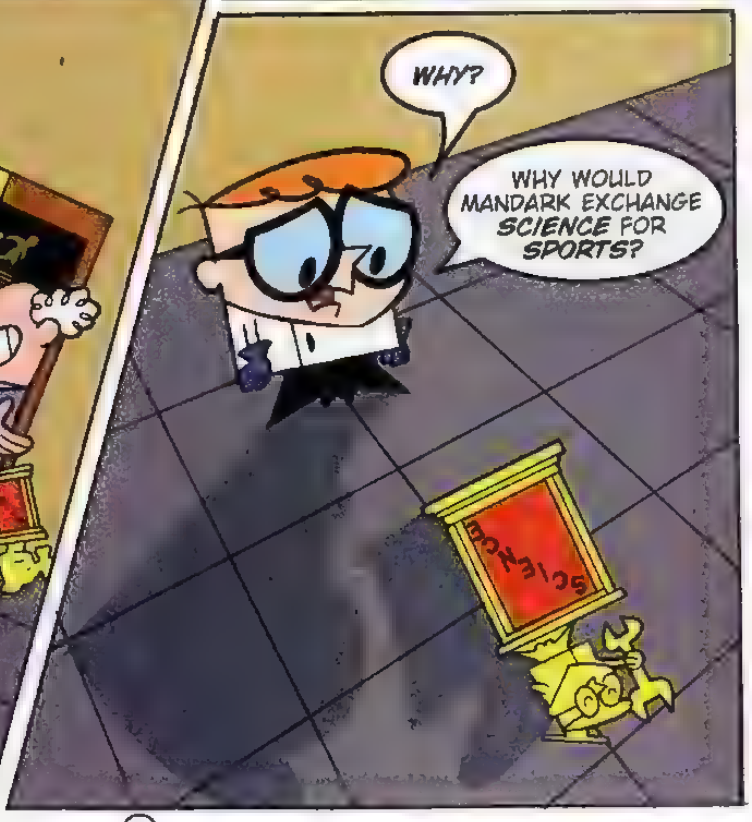
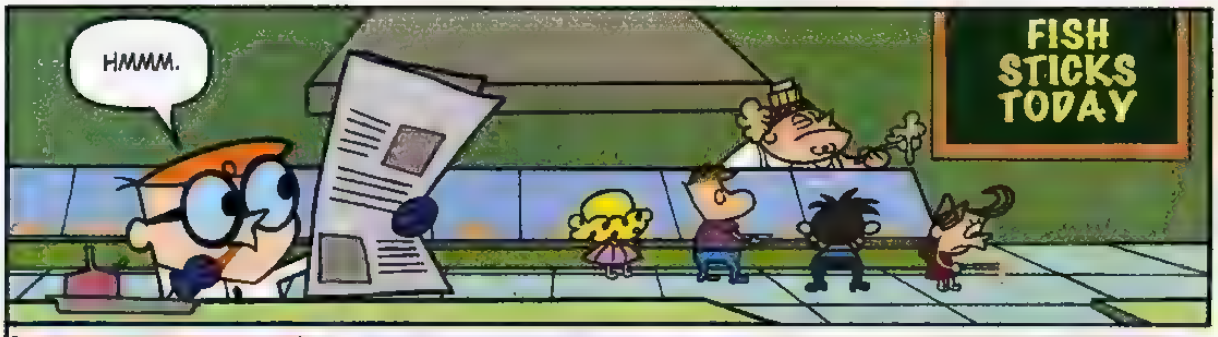
I DON'T GET IT.
HE HAS THE ADMIRATION OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL...

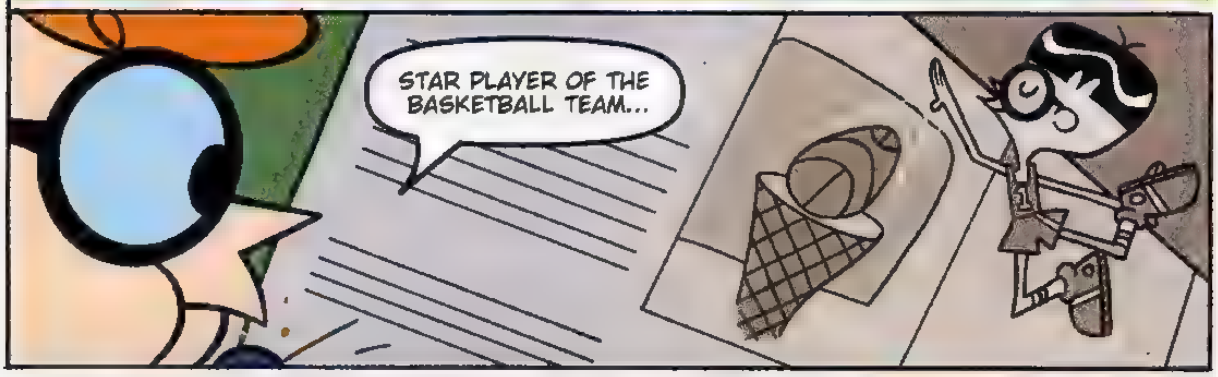

...HIS TEAMMATES...
GREAT GAME, MANDARK!

...THE CHEERLEADERS...
MANDARK, MANDARK, HE'S OUR MAN! IF HE CAN'T DO IT, NO ONE CAN!

KEEP WINNING US THOSE TROPHIES, MANDARK!
TROPHIES
...AND THE FACULTY.
BUT THE QUESTION REMAINS...


WHY?
WHY WOULD MANDARK EXCHANGE SCIENCE FOR SPORTS?


HMMM.
FISH STICKS TODAY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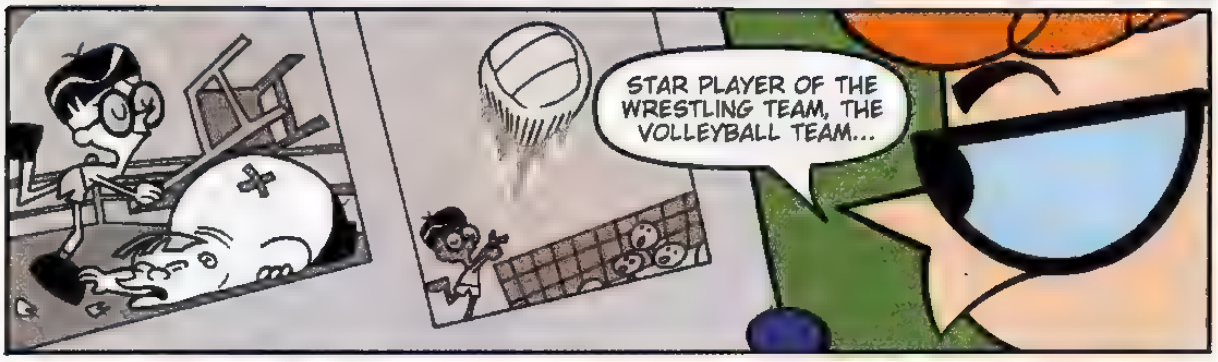
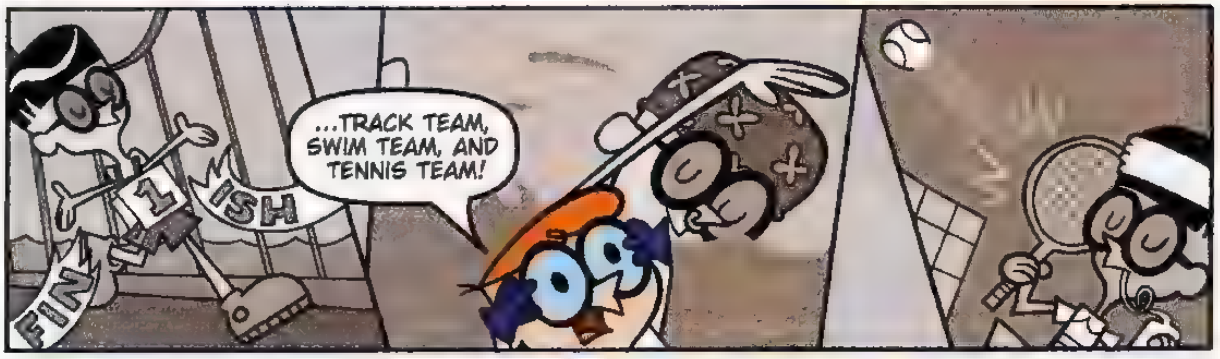

STAR PLAYER OF THE WRESTLING TEAM, THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM...


...TRACK TEAM, SWIM TEAM, AND TENNIS TEAM!
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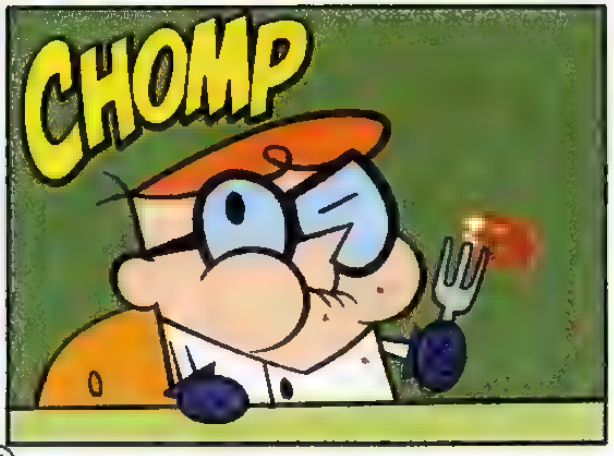
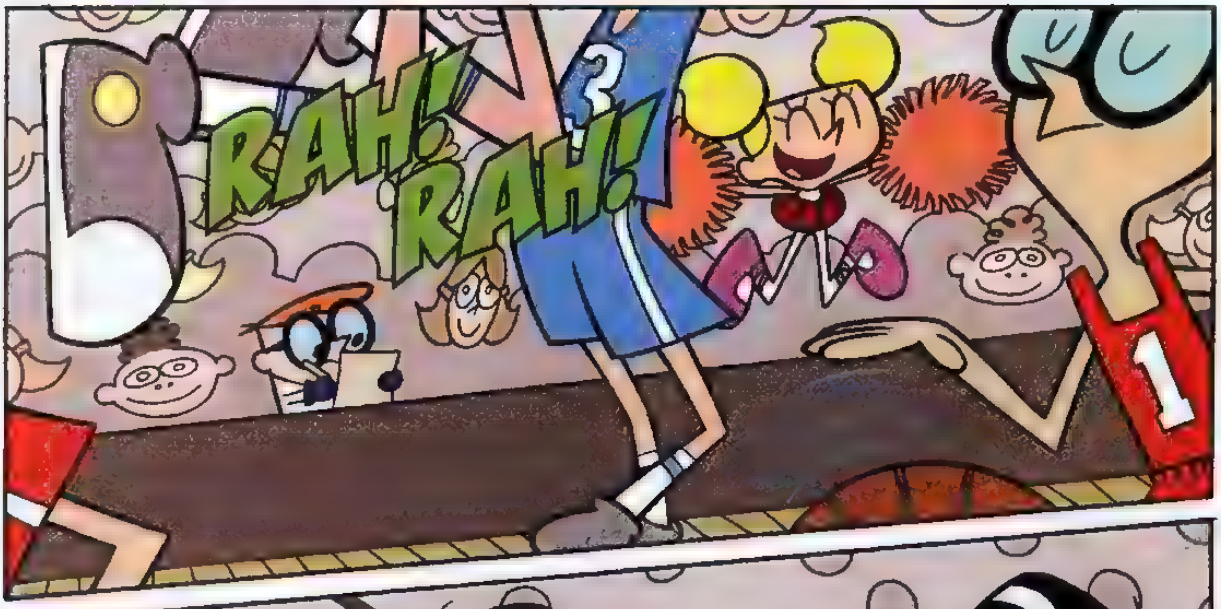
SOMETHING'S *FISHY* HERE.


CHOMP

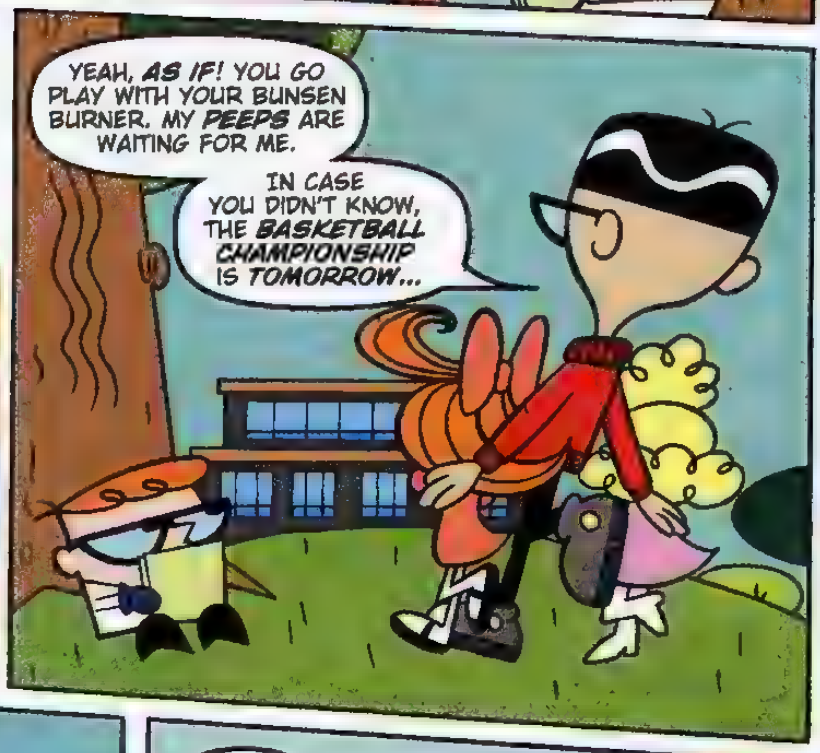


OOOO

LOOK, IT'S DORKSTER!

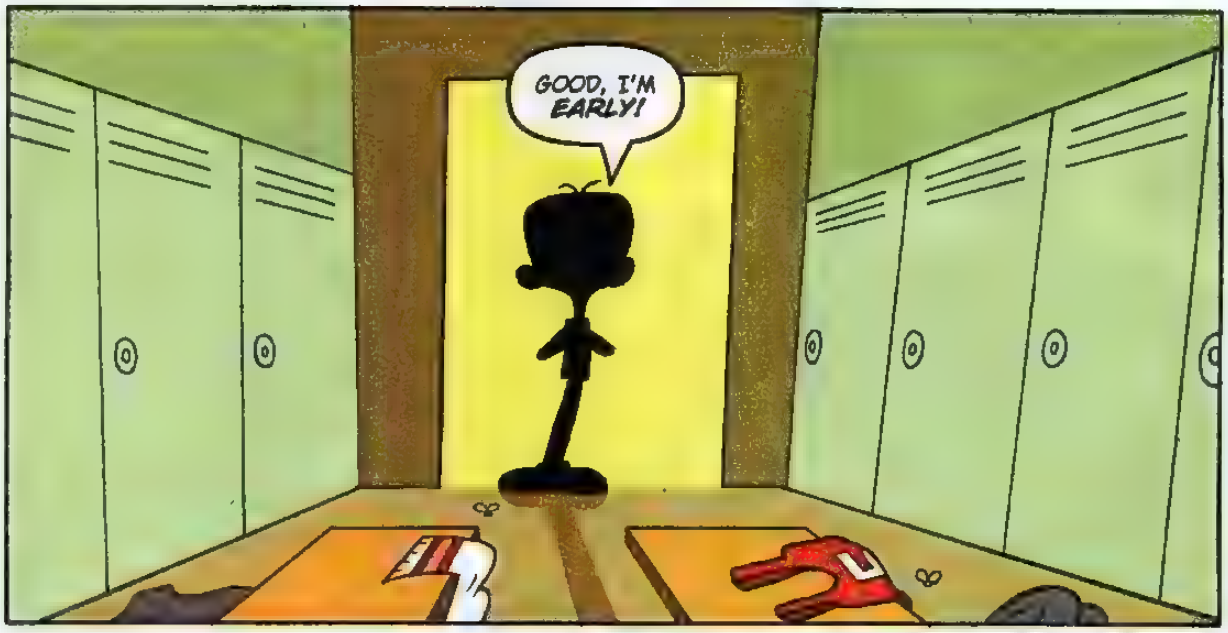
HEY, DORKSTER, DO YOU THINK YOU'RE ISAAC ASIMOV SITTING UNDER THAT TREE WAITING FOR AN APPLE TO FALL ON YOUR HEAD SO YOU CAN DISCOVER GRAVITY? -:SNORT:-

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IT IS I AM WORKING ON?

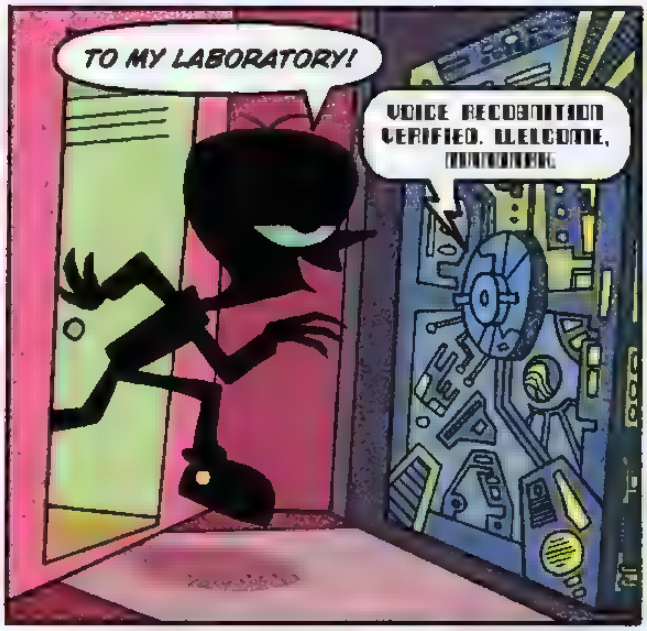

YEAH, AS IF! YOU GO PLAY WITH YOUR BUNSEN BURNER. MY PEEPS ARE WAITING FOR ME.
IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW, THE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP IS TOMORROW...

...AND EVERYONE IS COUNTING ON ME TO WIN!
GOOD LUCK, MANDARK...

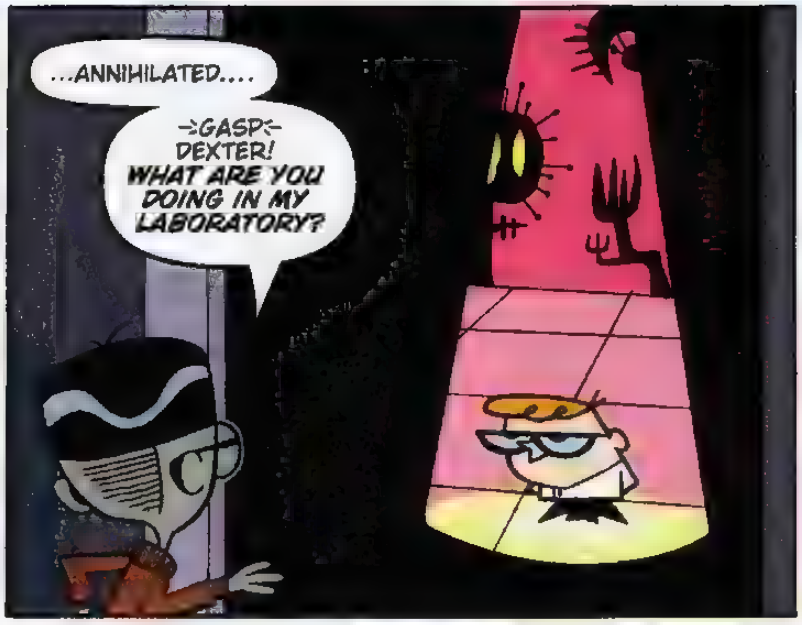
...YOU'RE GOING TO NEED IT.

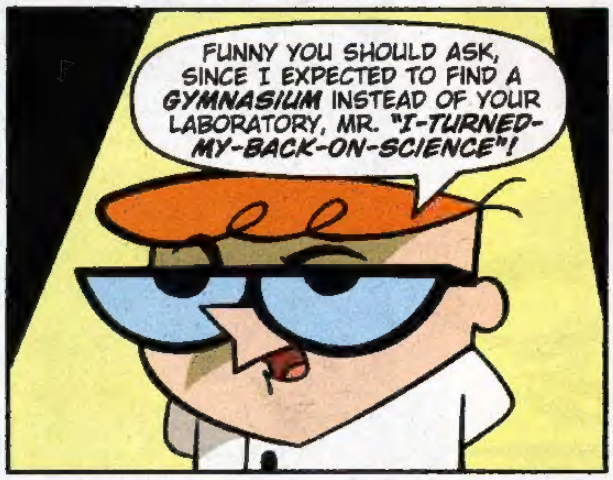

GOOD, I'M EARLY!

I MUST PREPARE QUICKLY, BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF MY TEAMMATES.


TO MY LABORATORY!
VOICE RECOGNITION VERIFIED. WELCOME,

IF ANYONE EVER DISCOVERED MY SECRET, MY STANDING AT SCHOOL WOULD BE...


...ANNIHILATED....
-:GASP:- DEXTER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY LABORATORY?

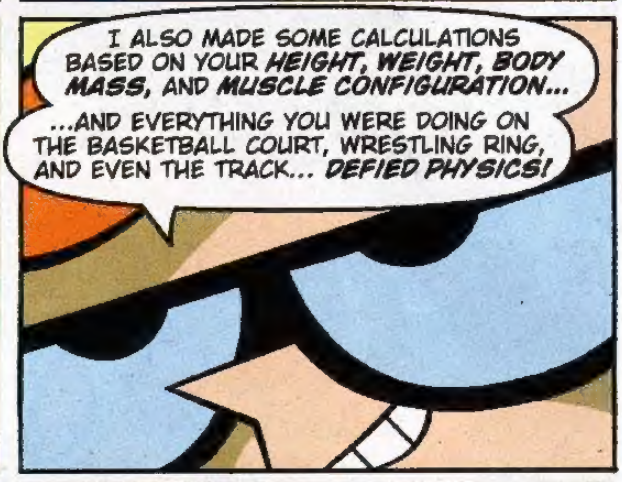

FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK, SINCE I EXPECTED TO FIND A GYMNASIUM INSTEAD OF YOUR LABORATORY, MR. "I-TURNED-MY-BACK-ON-SCIENCE"!

HA-HA-HA, DEXTER, I CAN EXPLAIN....

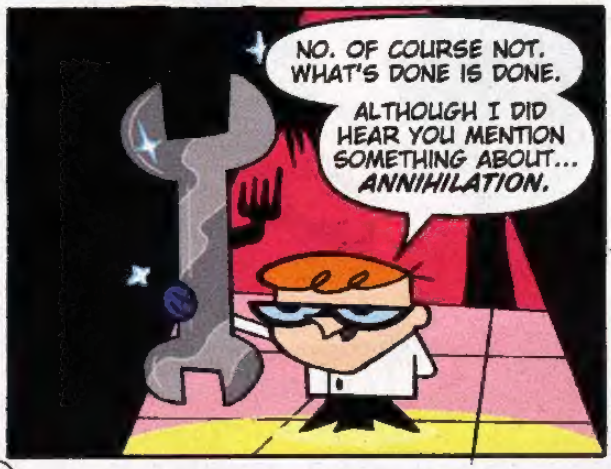
DON'T BOTHER, MAN-DORK.
I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR LITTLE SECRET.

Y-YOU DO?
PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW I FIGURED IT OUT?

THIS. YOUR SWEAT.
SCHWICK
I NOTICED THAT NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU EXERCISED, THERE NEVER SEEMED TO BE ANY ON YOU.


I ALSO MADE SOME CALCULATIONS BASED ON YOUR HEIGHT, WEIGHT, BODY MASS, AND MUSCLE CONFIGURATION...
...AND EVERYTHING YOU WERE DOING ON THE BASKETBALL COURT, WRESTLING RING, AND EVEN THE TRACK... DEFIED PHYSICS!

W-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
I'LL MAKE IT WORTH YOUR WHILE. YOU WON'T TELL ANYONE, WILL YOU?


NO. OF COURSE NOT. WHAT'S DONE IS DONE.
ALTHOUGH I DID HEAR YOU MENTION SOMETHING ABOUT... ANNIHILATION.

NOOOO!!
THE ROBO-MANDARK TRACK STAR, THE ROBO-MANDARK WRESTLING WHIZ, THE ROBO-MANDARK BADMINTON BERSERKER--DESTROYED!

YOU'VE DISASSEMBLED THEM ALL--EVERY ONE!
NOT ALL OF THEM.
GETTING READY FOR SPRING, WERE YOU?
BATTER UP!
CLANG
YOU WERE RIGHT, MANDARK. THERE IS SOMETHING SATISFYING ABOUT THE SPORTING LIFE!
SPEAKING OF WHICH...
YOU'D BETTER SUIT UP. IT'S FIVE MINUTES TO GAME TIME, AND YOUR PEEPS ARE COUNTING ON YOU TO WIN THE BIG ONE.

WATCH IT!
WHAT'S WITH YOU, MANDARK?
HEY, I'M ON YOUR TEAM, REMEMBER?

HIYA, DEXTER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I THOUGHT YA HATED SPORTS!
MANDARK, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU CAN'T PASS THE BALL TO THE MASCOT!

ARE YOU KIDDING, DEE-DEE?
I WOULDN'T MISS THIS GAME FOR ANYTHING IN THE WORLD.
BOO!
BOO!
BOO!
GET THAT SCRAWNY KID OUT OF THERE!
BOO!
YOU STINK, MANDARK!
THE END